

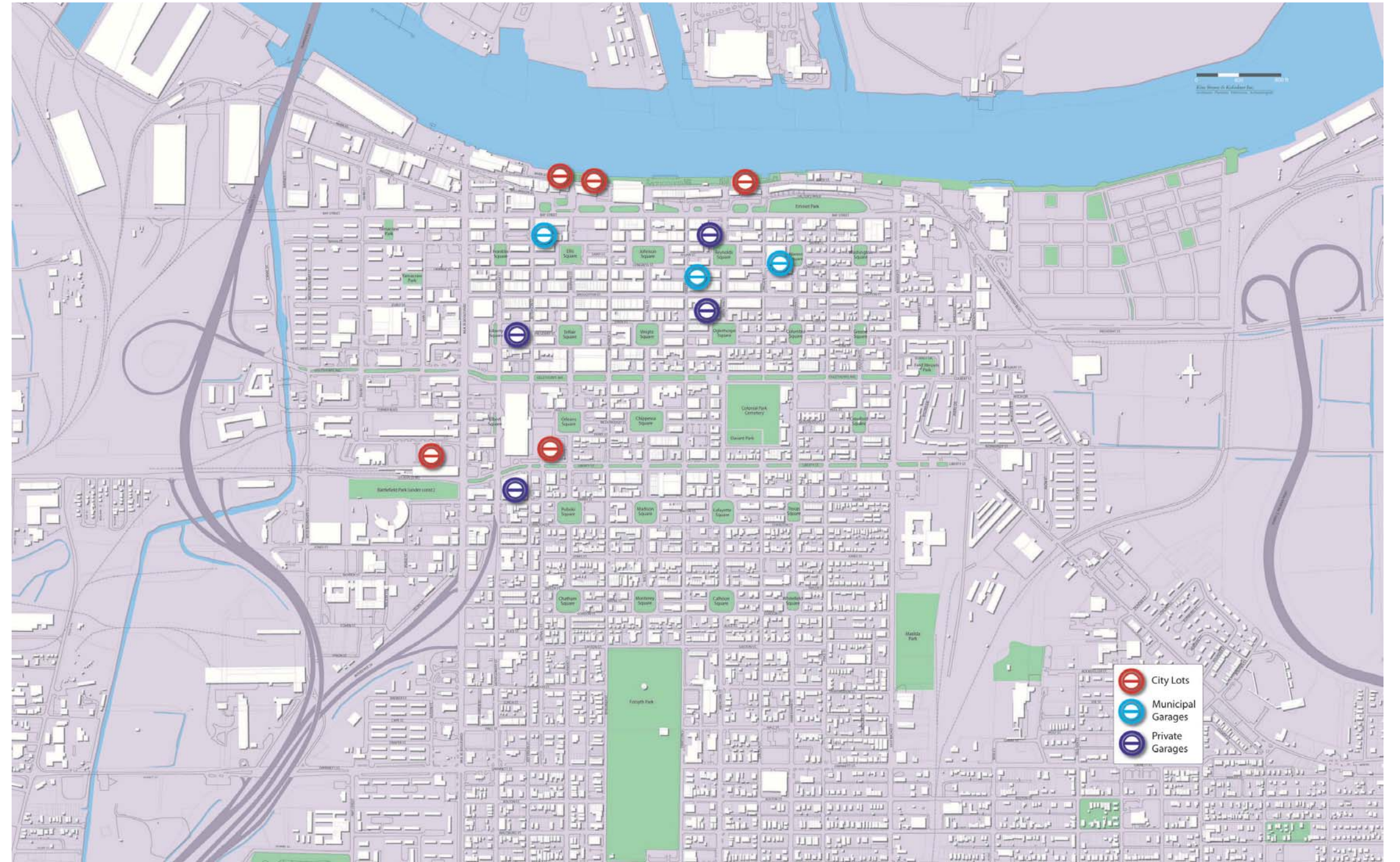
POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

PARKING

1: Require all new developments in downtown to contribute to the creation of additional parking.

All new development would be required to provide either on-site parking or contribute to a fund which would create new peripheral parking. The amount of the payment to the fund would be commensurate with the number of spaces that would be required for the development based on the most recent planning standards.

Requirements would be in effect throughout the Landmark District. Peripheral parking would be located to the west and east of downtown in locations easily accessible to the main highway routes into Savannah, and either walkable or connected by frequent shuttles or transit, also subsidized through the fund.



Existing off-street parking facilities

2: Prioritize parking capacity in the core of downtown for short term parking for shopping, business meetings, and personal business.

Expanding the supply of short term parking would improve the retail climate in downtown Savannah and make it easier to conduct other types of business that rely on regular meetings with clients and associates from around the region. This would be accomplished by reducing the number of on street spaces that allow parking for more than two hours and increasing the cost of monthly permits at the garages. Long term, all day parkers will be accommodated in peripheral lots and garages developed under Recommendation 1.



Many retail streets (where turnover is needed most) allow parking up to 10 hours.

3: Prohibit any new surface lot larger than 6 spaces within Landmark District

Surface parking lots in the Landmark District disrupt the historic relationship of buildings to the surrounding streets, remove vegetation, and create unattractive impervious surfaces that add to stormwater runoff problems. Prohibiting new lots will encourage a less car-dependent lifestyle, promote underground and structured parking for large projects, and maintain the traditional urban fabric of downtown.



Automobiles enjoy a view overlooking one of Savannah's historic squares.